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1. ANALYSIS OF GIANT SCALE MISSION 385 DATED 11 SEPT 1971 REVEALS

THAT CONSTRUCTION IS RAPIDLY PROGRESSING ON A NETWORK OF ROADS WHICH WILL LINK NORTH VIETNAM DIRECTLY WITH THE A SHAU VALLEY IN SOUTH VIETNAM VIA KHE SANH.

2. GIANT SCALE MISSION 385 REVEALS THAT THE CONSTRUCTION ON THE NORTH VIETNAM ROUTE 103 EXTENSION INTO SOUTH VIETNAM THROUGH THE DMZ,

PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED IN REFERENCE A, IS RAPIDLY PROGRESSING. SINCE 26 JUNE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY HAS CONCENTRATED ON LINKING THE ROUTE

EXTENSION WITH ANOTHER ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT NORTH OF KHE SANH DESCRIBED IN REF B. ALMOST CONTINUOUS ROADBED EXCAVATION NOW EXTENDS

FROM NORTH VIETNAM ROUTE 103 THROUGH MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN TO THE NEW CONSTRUCTION NORTH OF KHE SANH. SINCE ROUTE 103 HAS BEEN EXTENDED FROM XD785664 EASTWARD ALONG A MOUNTAIN RIDGE, TURNING SOUTHWARD AT XD808667, AND CROSSING THE SONG CAM AT XD810640. FROM XD810640 ROAD CONSTRUCTION EXTENDS SOUTHWARD TO XD812622, THEN HEADS IN A SOUTHWEST DIRECTION ALONG A MOUNTAIN RIDGE TO THE REF B ROAD CONSTRUCTION AT XD782606. THE ROUTE 103 EXTENSION IS NOT SERVICEABLE

TO WHEELED VEHICLES

3. SINCE CONSTRUCTION HAS RAPIDLY PROGRESSED ON A SECOND ROAD THROUGH THE DMZ. ROADBED EXCAVATION ON THIS ROAD EXTENDS NORTH-EAST FROM THE ROUTE 103 EXTENSION IN SOUTH VIETNAM AT XD810640.

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THE ROAD CONTINUES INTO THE DMZ AND LINKS WITH THE FORMER TERMINUS OF NORTH VIETNAM ROUTE 120 IN THE DMZ AT XD381634.

4. THE REF B REPORTED ROAD CONSTRUCTION IN THE KHE TA BONG AND SONG RAO QUAN RIVER VALLEYS NORTH OF KHE SANH EXHIBITS LITTLE CHANGE BETWEEN [REDACTED] PRELIMINARY ROADBED EXCAVATION IN THIS AREA EXTENDS FROM XD732605 SOUTHWARD TO THE FORMER ALLIED CONSTRUCTED ROUTE 603 AT XD311465, 3 NM NORTHWEST OF KHE SANH.

5. ROUTE 603 EXTENDS FROM THE NORTHWEST THROUGH THE KHE SANH AREA AND JOINS ROUTE 9 AT XD860395.

6. SOUTH OF ROUTE 9, A ROAD WHICH HAS BEEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION FROM SOUTH VIETNAM ROUTE 616 SINCE [REDACTED] IS IN THE LATE STAGE OF

CONSTRUCTION ON [REDACTED] ROADBED EXCAVATION ALONG A VIRTUALLY CONTINUOUS ALIGNMENT IS NOTED EXTENDING FROM A SHORT SPUR OFF ROUTE 9 AT XD357336 THROUGH XD375372, XD372359, XD399349, XD920340, XD945332, XD967323, XD980317 AND JOINS ROUTE 616 AT XD979307. AS OF [REDACTED] INTERMITTENT ROADBED EXCAVATION ON THIS ROAD EXTENDED FROM ROUTE 616 TO XD920340. BY [REDACTED] ROADBED EXCAVATION EXTENDED AN ADDITIONAL 500 METERS TO THE NORTHWEST TO XD916343. SOMETIME AFTER [REDACTED] CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY ON THIS ROAD RAPIDLY ACCELERATED AND ON [REDACTED] PHOTOGRAPHY EXTENSIVE ROADBED

EXCAVATION IS APPARENT ON THE 5 NM SEGMENT BETWEEN THE [REDACTED] LIMIT OF CONSTRUCTION AT XD916343 AND ROUTE 9 AT XD357336. THIS ROAD IS NOT YET SERVICEABLE TO WHEELED VEHICLES ON [REDACTED]

7. ROUTE 616 HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO ROUTE 9222A/548 IN THE A SHAU VALLEY DURING THE PAST DRY SEASON. SEGMENTS OF THIS CONSTRUCTION WERE

OBSERVED AS EARLY AS [REDACTED] THE LAST COMPREHENSIVE PHOTOGRAPHY OVER THIS AREA WAS DATED [REDACTED] WHEN THE ROAD WAS IN A MID STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION WITH CLEARING OF VEGETATION AND ROADBED

EXCAVATION NOTED ALONG ITS ALIGNMENT. THIS EXTENSION OF ROUTE 616 WAS NOTED ALONG THE FOLLOWING ALIGNMENT: XD904237, XD927250, XD967272, XD979307, YD016293, YD051317, YD093232, YD134253, YD178252, YD209220, YD231183 AND YD220174. FROM YD220174 THE ROAD CONTINUES SOUTHWARD AND JOINS ROUTE SEGMENT 9222A AT YD239156. ROUTE SEGMENT 9222A, A ROAD CONSTRUCTED IN PREVIOUS YEARS CONTINUES TO THE SOUTHEAST, BECOMING ROUTE 548 IN THE A SHAU VALLEY.
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